IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE
AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.803 OF 2007
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.52 OF 2007

Somdatta Agarwal ...Applicant
Vs.
The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr.Rahul Thakur for Applicant
Mrs. M.M. Deshmukh, A.P.P for Respondent State

CORAM : SMT. RANJANA DESAI &
SMT. ROSHAN DALVI, JJ.
DATED: 3RD AUGUST, 2007

P.C.

1. The applicant was acquitted by the Ist Ad. Hoc. & Add. Sessions Judge, Raigad at Alibag of offence punishable under Section 397, 394 r.w. 34 of Indian Penal Code by judgment and order dated 24th April, 2007. The said judgment and order is challenged in instant appeal. The appeal has been admitted on 8th December, 2006. On 8th December, 2006 this Court had directed that action be taken under Section 390 of Code of Criminal Procedure. It appears that, thereafter the applicant was arrested. He made criminal application for bail before the Sessions Court. The Sessions

Court has released him on P.R. bond of Rs.50,000/- with one solvent surety. The applicant has preferred this application for reduction of the bail amount. We have heard the learned Counsel for the applicant. He stated that applicant is a watchman and he is not in a position to furnish bail bond in the sum of Rs.50,000/- . He says that the applicant is in jail now for a period of 3½ months. He submitted that in the circumstances bail amount be reduced.

2. In the circumstances of the case we reduce the bail amount to Rs.20,000/- . Hence, the following order.

O R D E R

1. Applicant Soamdutta Gowardhan Agrawal shall be released on bail on his executing P.R. Bond of Rs.20,000/- instead of Rs.50,000/- with solvent surety in like amount.

(SMT. RANJANA DESAI, J.)

(SMT. ROSHAN DALVI, J.)